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Appl. No. : 10/784,308

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For : CONFOCAL PROBE



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,
Applicant calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Patent No. 3032720, which issued on February 10, 2000, together with
patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,742,419 to DICKENSHEETS et al., which
issued on April 21, 1998. Applicant notes that this Japanese patent document is
discussed on page 2 of the specification;

Japanese Patent No. 3052150, which issued on April 7, 2000, together with patent
family member U.S. Patent No. 5,323,009 to HARRIS, which issued on June 21, 1994.
Applicant notes that this Japanese patent document is discussed on page 2 of the
specification;

U.S. Patent No. 5,022,743 to KINO et al., which issued on June 11, 1991; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,035,476 to ELLIS et al., which issued on July 30, 1991.

U.S. Patent No. 5,120,953 to HARRIS, which issued on June 9, 1992;

U.S. Patent No. 5,606,447 to ASADA et al., which issued on February 25, 1997;
U.S. Patent No. 5,767,666 to ASADA et al., which issued on June 16, 1998;
U.S. Patent No. 6,327,493 to OZAWA et al., which issued on December 4, 2001;
U.S. Patent No. 6,433,910 to SUGA, which issued on August 13, 2002;
U.S. Patent No. 6,483,626 to SUGA, which issued on November 19, 2002;
U.S. Patent No. 6,545,260 to KATASHIRO et al., which issued on April 8, 2003;
European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 142 529, which was published
on October 10, 2001;

V. A. AKSYUK et al., "238x238 Surface Micromachined Optical Crossconnect
with 2dB Maximum Loss," Optical Fiber Communications Conference OFC 2002;

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the
requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed
herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is requested to contact the
undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and
cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached and all of the
documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested
to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to
the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm
consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending,
commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/699,699 to MIZUNO, entitled "Confocal Probe and Endoscope Device" which was filed on November 4, 2003;

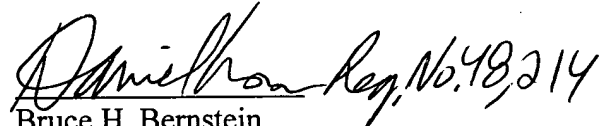
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/759,208 to MIZUNO, entitled "Endoscope Probe System" which was filed on January 20, 2004; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/784,220 to MIZUNO, entitled "Confocal Probe" which was filed on February 24, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-noted applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrappers of these patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5 7 4 2 4 1 9	04/21/98	DICKENSHEETS et al			
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	5 0 2 2 7 4 3	06/11/91	KINO et al			
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	5 6 0 6 4 4 7	02/25/97	ASADA et al			
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	6 3 2 7 4 9 3	12/04/01	OZAWA et al			
	6 4 3 3 9 1 0	08/13/02	SUGA			
	6 4 8 3 6 2 6	11/19/02	SUGA			
	6 5 4 5 2 6 0	04/08/03	KATASHIRO et al			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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3 0 3 2 7 2 0	02/10/00	JAPAN			
3 0 5 2 1 5 0	04/07/00	JAPAN			
1 1 4 2 5 2 9	10/10/01	E.P.O			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

1	V. A. AKSYUK et al., "238x238 Surface Micromachined Optical Crossconnect with 2dB Maximum Loss," Optical Fiber Communications Conference OFC 2002;

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